

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: Lewis County Board of County Commissioners

From: Lewis County Planning Commission

Date: February 10, 2015

Subject: Transmittal to the BOCC: Findings and Conclusions regarding adopting recreational marijuana code amendment language.

Dear Commissioners:

The Lewis County Planning Commission held workshops on July 8, 2014, July 29, 2014, September 23, 2014, October 28, 2014, November 25, 2014, December 9, 2014, January 13, 2015, January 27, 2015 and February 10, 2015 to discuss amending the recreational marijuana code amendment language.

General findings of fact:

1. The Lewis County Planning Commission has the authority and responsibility to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners land use regulations to govern the production, processing and retail sale of legalized recreational marijuana following a public hearing and nine workshops on the same.
2. The Lewis County Planning Commission heard extensive public testimony during its nine workshops (the public was allowed to make comments at these workshops) and at its public hearing about the land use impacts of legalizing recreational marijuana production, processing and retail sale in Lewis County.
3. At its December 9, 2014 workshop, the Lewis County Planning Commission approved moving draft code amendment language to its January 13, 2015 meeting for a public hearing to get testimony from the public on the suggested code amendment language. The Lewis County Planning Commission also asked the planning staff to get feedback from pertinent Lewis County departments about possible impacts to County departments if the recreational marijuana code amendment language is approved by the BOCC.

4. A public hearing notice (Exhibit 1) was published and a public hearing was held on January 13, 2015.

5. The Lewis County Planning Commission received testimony from the public (Exhibit 2) and it received feedback from pertinent Lewis County departments concerning the impacts of legalizing the production, processing and retail sale of recreational marijuana (Exhibit 3).

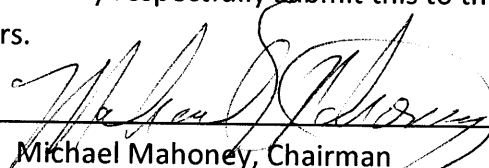
Conclusions

The Lewis County Planning Commission finds that if the production, processing and retail sale of recreational marijuana is legalized in Lewis County, appropriate land use regulations need to be in place to regulate its impacts on the environment, adjacent land uses and the public safety of Lewis County.

Based on the above findings and conclusions, the Planning Commission recommends that the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners consider adopting marijuana code amendment language (Exhibit 4) if it approves the legal production, processing and retail sale of recreational marijuana in Lewis County.

Being duly authorized to transmit the recommendations on behalf of the Lewis County Planning Commission, I hereby respectfully submit this to the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners.

Submitted by



Michael Mahoney, Chairman

Lewis County Planning Commission

Date

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